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## **Sen. Cassis welcomes news of job expansion in Wixom**

**LANSING** – State Sen. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, today welcomed news that JATCO USA Inc. plans to expand its presence in Wixom, creating 106 new jobs over the next three years.

“This area’s top-notch workforce and exceptional resources make Wixom the ideal location for JATCO USA’s expansion,” Cassis said. “I am pleased to see everyone come together to help make this expansion in Wixom a reality.”

The Michigan Economic Growth Authority today approved a Standard Single Business Tax Credit for JATCO USA, Inc., helping to convince the company to expand in Wixom. The company also will receive an Economic Development Job Training grant from the state.

“Job creation is key to Michigan’s economic recovery,” Cassis said. “Companies such as JATCO USA should be commended for working with local and state government in order to keep jobs and expand their workforce in Michigan rather than going elsewhere. It is vital that we continue to provide such tools as the Single Business Tax Credit to assist businesses and business development.”

JATCO USA plans to add 75 new positions in the first year of the expansion and a total of 106 positions by the third year. It is estimated this facility will create a total of 212 jobs by 2012.

The company also was considering a site in Bowling Green, Ky.

JATCO USA currently employs 43 people at its Wixom headquarters. A wholly-owned subsidiary of JATCO, Ltd. of Fuji, Japan, JATCO USA provides engineering, service and remanufacturing of automatic transmissions for NAFTA region customers.

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